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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter this amendment prior to the calculation of the filing fees.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 5-8, 10-12, 14-20, 22-25, 27-29, 31-35, 37, 40, 41, 43-45, 47, 49-51, 53, 54, 56-59, 61-63 and 65 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows. Applicants have attached pages with amended claims marked to indication deletions (by bracketing) and insertions (by underlining).

21.(amended) A kinase binding molecule comprising a binding motif for a phosphorylation site of a kinase identified according to claim 1.

26.(amended) A method for inhibiting phosphorylation of proteins by a kinase, comprising,

contacting the kinase with an amount of the kinase binding molecule of claim 21 effective to inhibit the phosphorylation.